



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
18TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, FULLER DRIVE.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Andy Pennance -Chair
Councillor Richard Weilding
Councillor Nick Churchill
Councillor Sue Jones
Councillor George Jones

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Chris Flaherty -Vice Chair

33. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

34. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair with the following amendment:
Remove the 'Andy' from the second line of present section.

35. MATTERS ARISING:

Planters – Councillors wished to further investigate the installation of planters in the parish. The Clerk to obtain costs from suitable contractors.

Parish Footpaths - Regarding the lack of accessibility due to crops on the parish footpaths, the Clerk had emailed the Public Right of Way Department of Cheshire East and would again chase this up to see if the stiles could be replaced by kissing gates.

36.. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

37. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:

All relevant correspondence received since the last meeting had been forwarded electronically to Councillors for their attention.

Co-Option to the Council – The Clerk had contacted two residents who had shown interest in being co-opted to the Council. There had been only a response from one who had provided the Council with a written letter of application. After discussion, it was decided that Mr M Crook would be co-opted onto the Council. A formal item agenda would be included at the next meeting in November in order that a formal resolution could be made to be compliant with legislation. Mr Crook would be invited to attend.



Councillors discussed the past policy of only allowing Council business to be displayed in the parish noticed boards. It was decided that the Council would now accept appropriate notices. A large meeting poster to be displayed in the noticeboards.

The Clerk to contact Wistaston Memorial Hall and Wistaston Sports and Leisure Association to ascertain if Rope Parish Council representation was needed on the committees as in the past.

38. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cheshire East Councillor Allen Gage was not in attendance. He had responded to the Clerk that he worked when our meetings were held but would endeavour to attend in the future. The goal post project had not materialised in the past as technically that area was not in his ward, but he would be happy to discuss any projects further. The Clerk to mention the kissing gates and planters to him so that he may facilitate.

39. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

Boundary Sign - Councillors S and G Fleet pointed out that the boundary sign on Eastern Road was overgrown and would attempt to cut it back. If this were considered too dangerous then we would consider an alternative solution. The Clerk to search for the Council hi-viz jackets and distribute to all Councillors.

Bridge over Brook, Evergreen Way - The Clerk to follow up on the broken bridge down Evergreen way and also request if there had been any development on tree planting and rewilding on the green open space at the rear of Dunham Crescent leading from Oak Tree Walk. Ex Councillor Wye had reported this to Fix My Street, but Cheshire East had come back stating there was no problem. The Chair will send images over to Mr Wye to re-report.

Oak Tree Walk – a tree halfway down needed attention. The Clerk to report to Fix My Street.

40. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

The double yellow lines at Berkely Academy had now been installed. An email had been sent out by the school to all parents regarding inconsiderate parking.

41. POLICING MATTERS:

There were no officers in attendance. The Clerk had requested attendance or briefing notes from the PCSO.

42. PLANNING MATTERS:

None

43. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Wybunbury United Charities Meeting – Councillors Flaherty and Pennace had attended the meeting. Since then, three book bursaries had been provided totalling £300.



44. FINANCE

A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

A request had been received via Crewe Town Council to support the funding of Crewe library as Cheshire East had cut the hours of opening to decrease their funding.

RESOLVED: that Rope Parish Council do not think it is appropriate to cater for the shortfall of Cheshire East and do not wish to contribute to the running of Crewe Library.

B. PAYMENTS

Section 137 Payments:

None

General Payments:

BHIB Parish Insurance	£406.54
S Togay Clerk's Salary - Sept	£145.80
HMRC - Sept	£ 36.46
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Room Hire NLCC	£ 36.00

45. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

46. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 20th November 2023